AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

- 1. 24 (canceled)
- 25. (New) An isolated nucleic acid consisting of X nucleotides wherein X is 16-120 and the sequence of the nucleic acid comprises:
 - (a) at least Y consecutive nucleotides of SEQ ID NO: 10068310 wherein Y is at least 16:
 - (b) an RNA equivalent of (a);
 - (c) a sequence at least 80% identical to (a) or (b); or
 - (d) the complement of any one of (a)-(c).
- 26. (New) The nucleic acid of claim 25, wherein the at least Y nucleotides is of a sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOS: 6876154, 6852582, 6792146, 6866677, 6816665, 6807279, 6766934, 6764600, 6846774, 6759618, 6797277, 6859396, 6862412, 6758196, 6767976, 6864591, 6846490, 6827549, 6824457, 6832127, 6773276, and 6791269.
- 27. (New) The nucleic acid of claim 25, wherein the at least Y nucleotides is of a sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOS: 4819, 4843, 2249, 488, 488, 1199, 7002375, 6946165, 6907159, 6907159, 6971545, 7012403, 6772, 6910855, 6982884, 3106, 3343, 1454, 2802, 3307, 6939857, 6939857, 507, 3676, 1406, 1406, 6413, 1330, 2877, 4542, 8145, 5874, and 4685.
 - 28. (New) The nucleic acid of claim 25, wherein X=Y.
- 29. (New) The nucleic acid of claim 28, wherein Y consecutive nucleotides is of a sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO: 6876154, 6852582, 6792146, 6866677, 6816665, 6807279, 6766934, 6764600, 6846774, 6759618, 6797277, 6859396, 6862412, 6758196, 6767976, 6864591, 6846490, 6827549, 6824457, 6832127, 6773276, and 6791269.
- 30. (New) The nucleic acid of claim 28, wherein Y consecutive nucleotides is of a sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO: 4819, 4843, 2249, 488, 488, 1199, 7002375, 6946165, 6907159, 6907159, 6971545, 7012403, 6772, 6910855, 6982884, 3106, 3343, 1454, 2802, 3307, 6939857, 6939857, 507, 3676, 1406, 1406, 6413, 1330, 2877, 4542, 8145, 5874, and 4685.

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31. (New) A vector comprising an insert, wherein an insert consists of the nucleic acid of claim 25.

- 32. (New) A vector comprising an insert, wherein an insert consists of the nucleic acid of claim 28.
 - 33. (New) A method for detecting the nucleic acid of claim 27 comprising:
 - (a) providing a biological sample; and
 - (b) measuring the level of the nucleic acid,

wherein a difference in the level of the nucleic acid compared to a control is indicative of the presence of the nucleic acid.